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ISSUED BY FORCES OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, DHOFAR REGION

During the first week of this month (May) our revolutionaries working in the Central Region, Sarfeet, launched twelve successful attacks on the enemy centres at Hasl and Admi situated in the north of the British air base at Sallalah plain in the Central Region, and enemy centres in the north of Sarfeet during which the enemy suffered heavy losses in life and equipment. Our forces also waged heavy battles with the enemy forces when they infiltrated from their centre at Admi to Asharkh and were forced to retreat after suffering heavy losses in life. As to the enemy planes and heavy artillery at the enemy coastal defensive centres at the Plain, they are continuing to shell constantly the rural areas indiscriminately.

CENTRAL REGION:

The forces of the People's Liberation Army and People's Militia launched ten attacks on the centres of Admi and Hasl (north of the air base in Sallalah) during the first week of May using artillery and machine-guns. During these operations a number of enemy defensive positions and the injury of a number of its members. Most important of these operations were the following:

On 2nd May, the enemy advanced from his position at Admi to Asharkh near the centre. His advance came under darkness. At 4.30 at dawn, the enemy fell in the ambushes of our revolutionaries who were in wait for him and clashed with the enemy forces with light and medium weapons for twenty minutes. At 5.00 in the morning of the same day the enemy were attacked by our patriots and were forced retreat to their centre. Directly after that a group of our forces attacked the centre by artillery and machine-guns. Enemy losses during these operations were:- the death and injury of eight members, and destruction of two defensive positions.

Our losses was the martyrdom of comrade patriot Badr Ali Saeed (deputy commander of the central military unit).

Enemy planes and heavy artillery after that bombed indiscriminately the nearby areas but without realising any target. Most important of these operations were the attacks launched on the same two centres within the series of operations of the two martyrs Ahmed Ali Mahroos and Badr Ali Saeed.

CENTRAL REGION:

In the Western Region, our revolutionaries continued their attacks on the enemy centres in North Sarfeet. Most important of these operations were the following: On 2.5 in the evening our forces shelled strongly with artillery the enemy centre. Our artillery hit their target and fire was set up to the enemy tents and ammunition stores leading to their explosion. A number of fortified positions of the enemy were also destroyed during these operations and the enemy was seen escaping to the rear under cover of smoke bombs. Before sunset our forces repeated their attack on the same position resulting in the destruction of two positions.

At 5.30 in the morning of 7.5 our revolutionaries fiercely attacked the same positions under the operation named after Martyrs Ahmed Mahroos and Badr Ali Saeed. During this attack light weapons and rockets and mortars were used and the attack was launched from several directions.

Our patriots continued for two and a half hours were shelling the enemy who was bombing with his planes and heavy artillery the nearby areas indiscriminately. Enemy losses were the destruction of nine positions and a watch tower with its crew as well as a machine-gun with its crew and the enemy was seen removing four casualties. Our forces returned safely to base.

TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES DURING THESE OPERATIONS:

- 1) Death and injury of 33 enemy members
- 2) Destruction of nineteen positions
- 3) Destruction of a watch tower and a medium machine-gun post

Our losses during these operations included the martyrdom of patriot comrade Badr Ali Saeed, deputy commander of the central unit.

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IN THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE USURPATION OF PALESTINE BY
ZIONISM

ARAB REACTIONARY PLOTTING PART OF THE ZIONIST-IMPERIALIST PLAN

On 15th May the 25th anniversary of the usurpation of Palestine and the establishment of the Zionist State on the big estpart of the Palestinian soil passed.

A look back will show us clearly that the establishment of Israel was not bu the end of a long and complicated chain of imperialist-Zionist-reactionary conspiracies in which Israel is playing a leading role.

The aims of Zionism, imperialism and Arab reaction met together for the establishment of a Zionist entity in the body of the Arab nation in order to obstruct the liberation movement and social progress and Arab unity and took of Israel advanced post for protecting the interests of imperialism in the area. Since the start of the Zionist plan in Palestine upto this day, Arab reaction is plotting with Zionism and imperialism against the Palestinian and Arab people for safeguarding its concessions and interests and greeds which contradict with the interests of the masses of the Arab people.

Today this picture becomes more clear as the plotting of Arab reaction and the imperialist-Zionist camp becomes more fiercer. The plotting by the Jordanian regime against the Palestinian issue and with complete coordination with Israel need not be proved as the Jordanian regime implements the part in the Zionist plan which Israel fails to implement. This is to slaughter the resistance, plot against it at Arab level and to redress the national movement of the Palestinian people and Jordanian people. Jordan is marching actively in the implementation of the submissive solution as Jordan became the birdge for the Israeli plans and the Israeli goods. The Lebanese regime follows the same traces in liquidating the resistance and repressing the Palestinian masses. If revelation of these two regimes came as a result of their head-on clash with the Palestinian resistance and the wish of the masses to fight and their failure to confront the Israeli campaigns, there are other reactionary regimes which are not less than them in the plotting. To confirm their national betrayal Saudi reaction and the puppet regimes in Oman and the Arabian Gulf

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TEHERAN:

MILITARY ALLIANCE BETWEEN IRAN AND BAHRAIN

During the visit of the stooge Hamad bin Issa, crown Prince of Bahrain, to the castle of reaction Persia, the BBC correspondent reported that "the Shah's regime has offered its interest in entering into a defence alliance with the reactionary regime of Bahrain."

"He added that" "the border clashes between Iraq and Kuwait and the discovery of P.F.L.O.A.G. cells in the Arab Emirates must have pushed towards the idea of taking steps towards some kind of defence."

ABU DHABI:

MANA AL-ATIBA IN WASHINGTON FOR COORDINATION

Mana al-Atiba, the Minister of Oil in Abu Dhabi, will go to the U.S. for holding talks with the U.S. officials about oil question concerning the two countries. This visit comes after the breakdown of talks between the oil companies and Opec of the producing countries.

It also comes within a series of mutual visits, whether at the level of the reactionary regimes in the Gulf or between these regimes and the imperialist countries in order to strengthen and back up the reactionary front directed against the will of our people in the area.

TEHERAN:

PHANTOMS TO GUARD THE PEACE IN THE GULF??!!

The Shah of Iran stated that he bought the Phantom aircraft from the U.S. to guarantee the security of his nation and the security of the Gulf, and that arms purchase amounted to 20% of the total national expenditure. In a statement to the French Magazine Le Boin he said that he had informed the U.S. and the Soviet Union that their ships may sail safely in the Gulf. He also stated that his country would welcome Arab investment in the Gulf if any of the Arab neighbours were interested. He added that his country would have nuclear energy centres within five years and that the sites for setting up these centres have already been chosen.

This statement of the Shah comes within a series of statements that the reactionary Iranian regime has been making lately, concerning the alleged security and peace of the Gulf. Relating to this imperialist tune came the mutual visits among the reactionary regimes in the area followed by coordination and exchange of expertise etc. There also appears the military agreements like the agreement made between Britain's kid Qaboos and the pillar of lackeys in Iran. From this tune and also under the pretext of guarding the Gulf and securing its safety the occupation of the Arab islands by Iran was conducted under the backing of the U.S. and congratulations from Britain and the stooge regimes of the Gulf. The statement of the Shah that he informed the U.S. and the Soviet Union that their commercial vessels might sail freely, comes as a confirmation of the news broadcast last month that Iran had asked Qaboos to coordinate and cooperate in searching ships sailing to the Gulf. We ask ... guarding the Gulf and guaranteeing security from whom?

The Arab and Iranian people now completely realise that every step taken by the stooge regimes of the Gulf are only to implement the plans of U.S. and British imperialism aimed at preserving its interests. They realize that these steps are mainly aimed at preventing the Arab people in Oman and the Gulf and the Iranian people from seizing their rightful resources, and putting an end to the oppression, exploitation and enslavement conducted by these regimes with encouragement from the imperialists headed by U.S. imperialism.

MUSCAT: THE BRITISH ADMIT BEING MAIN COMPONENT IN WAR
 AGAINST OUR PEOPLE

The Novosti Press agency published a statement by the British Colonel, second in command of the mercenary forces in Oman, to the French newspaper "France Catholique". He said, "We are up to our chin in the war (he means facing the revolution) for our enemies are soldiers (PLA) of a high degree of efficiency and are stubborn fighters. We must form a barrier between Dhofar and South Yemen. The French newspaper, added: "The escalation of the military operations is only in the beginning stages. This war costs Oman 35 million sterling yearly which is forming sixty per cent of its budget."

The statements of denial by Britain concerning its part in this dirty war are of no value any more, following the repeated admissions made on many occasions by the British officers who lead the mercenary army.

SANA: FEVERISH ACTIVITIES OF SAUDI REACTIONARIES

Omar al-Saqqaf, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, ended his visit to Sana on Thursday (May 10). Two days before the high level military delegation headed by Brigadier General Ali al-Kabani also ended its eight-day visit to Northern Yemen. This delegation carried talks with the Yemeni commander in chief and high ranking officers.

Of course the communique issued at the end of al-Saqqaf's visit did not reveal the true nature of the visit. There was the communique at the end of the military visit indicating its secretive nature.

The visits of the two Saudi delegations were complementary to each other and follow the plan to back its reactionary puppets (led by al-Hajri and al-Hmar) in the North after their positions deteriorated especially after al-Hajri handed over the occupied Yemeni lands to the Saudi regime. This intimidated elements in the republican camp in the North who demanded the cancellation of the treaty, signed by al-Hajri with Saudi Arabia. News also leaked out about the Saudi military delegation's visit to Kamaran island which was occupied by the forces of the North to form Saudi military presence on the island. This completes the U.S.-Saudi-Ethiopian blockade of the progressive regime in Yemen and the revolution in Eritrea.

The acts of putting Saudi weight to back its stooges in the North and of its direct military presence are two steps preceding the flaring up of the civil war between the North and South in Yemen. This is what Saudi Arabia has been putting all its efforts into since the signing of the Tripoli agreement between the North and South.

ABU DHABI:

THE BUDGET OF ABU DHABI IS A HYSTERIC L SPENDING OF
THE PEOPLE'S WE LTH

The stooge Zayid bin Sultan had on Tuesday, 8th May, agreed on the budget of Abu Dhabi for the year of 1973. The general income of this year amounted to £253 million and the expenditure to £281 million. That is a difference of £28 million spending. This year's budget recorded an increase of £80 million as compared with that of last year.

Expenditure was distributed as follows:-

Administrative spending	£101 million
Development Projects	£94 million
International Oil	£41 million
The budget of the State	£44 million

of United Arab Emirates, whose head is Zayid.

A simple look at these figures shows the fantastic wastages of peoples money. The reactionary regime had established an administrative structure which is exhausting half the budget of the Abu Dhabi serving 30,000 native citizens and 40,000 expatriates. A question arises. This is: do the 70,000 residents need an apparatus which swallows more than £100 million? Is it possible that each citizen gets £3,000? This of course is not reasonable. The fact is that tens of millions of pounds are spent in the form of bribes, suspicious deals and unimaginable salaries for the tribe of Al-Nahyan and Zayid's boys. Theft scandals and suspicious deals cannot be hidden when they reach huge amounts of money. The £94 million allocated for development projects is sufficient to industrialise a country of 20 million and not 70,000 inhabitants. Of these development projects nothing in the form of productive industry was seen. All that was done was the construction of a bridge connecting Oman with Abu Dhabi on Abu Dhabi straits which does not exceed thirty feet in depth. This bridge costs £6 million. In addition to other similar futile projects. The £94 million is not spent on real development. It rather goes on suspicious deals between the monopolies and their stooges of the sheikhs and compradors who are robbing millions in every deal.

Millions of pounds go to the formation of mercenary armies. Zayid has since 1968 called up mercenaries to participate in his aggressive war against our people in Dhofar. Millions are also spent to finance plots to buy people and yellow newspapers for their propaganda who are ready to serve this corrupt regime by publishing lies to the latter's interest and against the patriotic and the revolutionaries.

Zayid became the principal financier of all plots which are planned and executed by British and Jordanian repressive apparatuses to slaughter our people in Oman and to repress the national movement in the whole of the area.

BAHRAIN: SPECIAL LETTER FROM BAHRAIN

News arriving indicates that Bahrain is going through a stage of new terror. The C.I.A. in cooperation with the reactionary regime carried out an extensive campaign of arrests among the Bahraini patriots. The Bahraini citizens live in a state of anger, as a result of the terror practiced by the reactionary regime which nevertheless still puts forward its democratic slogans, but even the simplest citizen realizes its falseness.

The number of newly arrested reached scores and new jails were opened in Khamis village and the air base of al-Mahraq after the jails of al-Qalaa and Jida were full. They face vicious inhuman torture. It was said that a torture expert was employed to practice barbaric methods on the patriotic detainees. New methods which do not leave any evidence are also used to prevent it being used against the regime. For example solitary confinement, prevention of sleep for days, and forcing detainees to stand up for one or two days are all used. Despite all these inhuman methods and despite the propaganda spread by the regime, in its attempt to weaken the faith of the people, that the detainees broke down.

This was not enough for the regime. It opened a women's prison in al-Jafir and arrested eight girls as a first instalment. Among them were Salha Issan and Sabika al-Najar.

In addition to this atmosphere experienced by the people any newspaper mentioning the developments are banned from entering the country. For example the Kuwaiti newspaper al-Siyassah was banned after it published news about the wide scale arrests in Bahrain under the title "The campaign of Arrests Came At a Time When Bahrain was Preparing for Elections". This intimidated the regime and caused it to confiscate the newspaper.

On Labour Day (May 1st) the streets were full of leaflets carrying slogans saluting the international Labour Day. Large workers demonstrations came out with large groups of workers from the Alba factory and the industrial district. The workers marched to the founding cabinet with their same previous demands and were surrounded by a large police force which besieged them. After dispersing the demonstration the regime carried out a wide-scale arrest campaign among the workers who participated in the demonstration. Recently the regime has taken precaution concerning travellers. Every traveller entering or leaving Bahrain is thoroughly searched. Even foreigners face searches and long interrogations about the reason of their visit length of stay and where they came from. This is because of the fear of progressive journalists entering and exposing the deteriorating situation in Bahrain which has become known to the whole world.

The escalation of terror and repression campaigns is within the complete policy of the regime to sell the national interests and ensure the looting by the monopolies. The reactionary Bahraini regime did not hesitate to join in the expansionist policy of the reactionary Iranian regime. For the defence Minister of Bahrain is visiting Iran and no doubt suspicious agreements are being held. It was not a coincidence that Iran called for a military alliance with Bahrain to face the so-called "Soviet infiltration in the Gulf and the discovery of P.F.L.O.L.G. cells in the area". It is well known that when Iran suggests these kinds of treaties they have actually been formed already. For example the case of the Teheran-Muscat treaty is clear. When Iran called for a treaty with the Sultanate of Oman to search vessels entering and leaving the Gulf, it had already been conducting these actions. While internally the policy of increasing terror and repression conforms with the campaign of lies and deceptions through the Founding Cabinet. So appearances of false democracy are only there to deepen the repression. It is proved that the appearances existing in the Cabinet perform a planned role within the plan to destroy the will of the people and are not less dangerous than the British intelligence officers.

AFTER THE DECLARATIONS OF THE SHAH:

LET US CONTINUE OUR JUST STRUGGLE UNTIL VICTORY

AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF OUR BROTHERS AND

FRIENDS INCREASE

A stream of statements were lately made by the stooge Shah of Iran. These statements took a declared and blatant form. They uncovered the latest intentions of the Iranian reactionary regime regarding its expansionist aims in the Arab Gulf. They have clearly revealed the tecklessness of this regime to go to and end in implementing the role assigned to it, by its masters, the imperialists, headed by the U.S.

The statements of the Shah are by no means new. The ambitions and intentions of Iran were known. Iran itself lost no opportunity to reveal them. These can be traced in the statements of the Shah in 1969 in New Delhi in the celebration of the Persian Empire anniversary Persipolis in the occupation of the Arab islands by the Iranian forces. in establishing diplomatic relations with the Emirate Federation and in strengthening relations with the stooge regime in Oman. The latter is manifested in Iranian military intervention against the revolution of 9th June and in transforming the occupied Omani islands, Kuria Kuria Muria into landing strips for the Iranian air force.

The last of these intentions are manifested in the huge arm deals and in the latest declarations made by officials of the Iranian Government and by the Shah himself.

All these events reveal the dirty repressive role assigned to this regime by Anglo-American imperialism. They also reveal the veil of its expansionist intentions in the Arab land.

Here follows some new points of the latest statements:-

- 1) They end the secrecy about the role of Iran viz a viz the national Arab movement in the area of the Arab Gulf
- 2) The rapid success of these statements.

3) They reveal the determination of the Iranian regime to use its forces against Iraq and against what it calls the "vandals" members of the popular front. This term was used during the visit of the Crown prince of Bahrain to Iran.

4) The persistent emphasis on the necessity of forming a pact of all the reactionary regimes of the Arab Gulf.

Lately the Shah gave a statement to the Newsweek magazine in which he declared that Iran has born the responsibility for protecting and watching over the region of the Arab Gulf. He also talked about the \$3,000 million which Iran had spent on buying military equipment. He went over the quantity and the kind of arms which he bought. The Shah continued, on how Iran had offered to form a defensive pact with Bahrain, during the visit of the Crown Prince of Bahrain to Iran two weeks before. This offer was made following the developments in Iraq, and after the discovery of active cells of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arab Gulf in the Emirates.

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In these two statements, Iran reveals its expansionist aims and its role as a watch dog of the imperialists.

The revolution, has since long time passed, drawn the attention of the brothers, the allies and the friends of the reactionary and subservient-to-imperialist, role of IRAN, in the area. It has explained that the aim of Iran is to liquidate the armed revolution in Dhofar. It also drew the attention to the huge diplomatic and political capabilities of Iran, which it will obviously use to isolate the revolution from its allies and from their support. In this Iran had also succeeded. The effect of her success has even echoed in some Arab countries. So the nature of the regime in Iran, and its expansionist aims in our lands, reveals that the Shah has aggressive intentions and an eye for the huge wealth in our Arab lands. However, the issue is much wider than that, the Shah and his regime are but the watch dogs of imperialism, and especially U.S. imperialism. And it is here where the danger lies.

The pact which Iran is striving for will only serve imperialism. It is aimed principally against the revolution of 9th June. The participation of Arab reactionaries and stooges in this pact clearly exposes their role and their national treachery. The progressive Arab countries should actively support the revolution. They should throw aside doubts which they had in the past and revise their position viz a vis the revolution no matter what their reasons were.

These Iranian moves put the Arab countries face to face with their responsibilities. It is necessary to say here that the revolution is now better understood by an increasing number of the progressive Arab countries, and gaining their support.

We, while closely following the above mentioned statements of the Shah, see that our duty in this phase is to strive to achieve the following:-

1) To develop the revolution and its fighting capabilities. In this we depend on the creative power of our heroic masses,

2) To struggle to make an increasing number of the masses participate in covering the role of the lacky regimes treachery in selling their land and its sovereignty to the Iranian masters, just as they sold it previously to the British.

3) To strive to strengthen the alliance between the national movement in Oman and the Gulf and the national movement in Iran.

4) To clarify these issues explain them and uncover the imperialist moves to all our brothers and friends.

These are our duties which we will work to achieve in confronting the expansionist Iranian moves.

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USURPATION ANNIVERSARY OF PALESTINE - Cont'd from page 2

If it is not for this financial and political backing, the Jordanian regime would not be able to continue plotting. They were not contented with this but they bear pressure on the other Arab countries in order to make them switch-over more and more on the puppet regime. Here we must quote Feisal's statements that "the duty of Arabs is to be back up sister Jordan because it stands all over the front with Israel). Of course the Jordanian regime, emanating from its role as a tool in the hands of imperialism, is playing such role in our homeland and shares with its forces in the aggressive war in Dhofar and infiltration of the Jordanian intelligence and all repressive machineries of the puppet regimes.

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